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FPS ARRESTS MAN FOR STEALING FROM FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

CHICAGO—A Chicago man, who was able to make his way into the Kluczynski Federal Building at 230 S. Dearborn to allegedly steal from federal employees, was arrested last week following an investigation by Federal Protective Service (FPS) agents.

Arlan Dennis, 46, was arrested Feb. 24 by FPS and Chicago police without incident.

The investigation began in early December after several federal employees at the Kluczynski Federal Building complained of thefts over a two-week period. FPS agents have jurisdiction to investigate crimes that occur on federal property.

FPS agents received several complaints Dec. 15 of a suspicious man who was seen in a secure area of the federal building. FPS agents responded and encountered Dennis carrying a stolen Sony PDA. He was charged with criminal trespass and theft, and was scheduled to appear on these charges in state court Jan. 26. FPS and Chicago police executed a local arrest warrant Friday when Dennis failed to appear in court.

“Dennis was able to surreptitiously make his way in various parts of the Federal Building, and may have stolen from people who dropped their guard in a secure building,” said Cherie McLendon, FPS threat management chief in Chicago. “We’re still investigating this case, and also re-emphasizing to employees the importance of security, especially in a Federal building. It’s our responsibility to ensure that federal government employees feel safe when they come to their workplace each day.”

Dennis is being held at the Cook County Jail pending a hearing scheduled for March 4.

FPS, one of five programs within U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), protects and secures more than one million tenants and daily visitors at federal facilities nationwide. FPS has a workforce of 1,500 special agents, police officers, inspectors, and more than 10,000 contracted security personnel.

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